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AFIN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Scott Fuller et al.

SERIAL NO.: 10/758,827

FILED: January 15, 2004

FOR: METHOD OF IMPROVING THE SHELF LIFE  
OF A BLANK PHOTOMASK SUBSTRATE

§ GROUP ART UNIT: 1756

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§ EXAMINER: N. M. Barreca

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§ AM-5852.D1

Date: May 16, 2005

**AMENDMENT "C" UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.132  
TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

**Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450**

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is applicants' Amendment "C" in response to the Office Action mailed March 14, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response of June 14, 2005, and a two month response date for obtaining an advisory action of May 16, 2005.

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR § 1.10**

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Date: May 16, 2005  
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## CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	<u>CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT</u>		<u>HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR</u>		<u>PRESENT EXTRA</u>		<u>ADDITIONAL FEE</u>
TOTAL CLAIMS	11	minus	31	=	0	x \$50.00	\$ 00.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	2	minus	3	=	0	x \$200.00	\$ 00.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS			0			\$360.00	\$ 00.00
						TOTAL FEE DUE	\$00.00

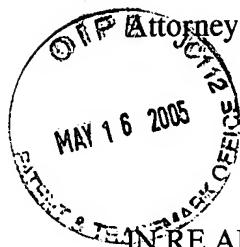
Applicants do not believe any fee is due for submission of the present Amendment "C" and Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be due in connection with the filing of this Amendment "C" and Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 to Deposit Account No. 50-1512 of Shirley L. Church, Esq., Sunnyvale, California.

This transmittal letter is submitted in duplicate for accounting purposes.

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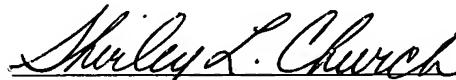
Claims 16 - 18, 20 - 21, 23 - 24, 28 - 29, and 31 - 32 are pending in the application.

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The Examiner has objected to the recitation of a value “370 days” in Specification paragraphs [0038] and [0113], which refer to Figure 4, on grounds that the value recited is not supported by the application Specification.

Claims 16 - 18, 20 - 21, 23 - 24, 28 - 29, and 31 - 32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement for a variety of different reasons.

Claims 16 - 28, 20 - 21, 23 - 24, 28 - 29, and 31 - 32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Montgomery et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,605,394.

Please amend the application as follows.